Rs. 1,336 crores out of which 77.32% is unrealizable being the amount locked up in court stays and establishments registered with BIFR, etc. Wherever any default is detected, all the actions as per law are taken against the defaulting establishments. Because of the persistent efforts of the Employees Provident Fund Organization, an amount of Rs. 858 crore was collected during the year 2001-2002.

Remittance of EPF contribution to employees' account

4610. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 60 per cent of the EPF money deducted at source by the employer along with the matching contributions is not being remitted to the member's EPF account and lakhs of employees are not being issued contribution slips;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard at the end of 31st March, 2001 and 31st March, 2002; and

(c) what measures are being taken to safeguard workers' interests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A comparative position of outstanding Provident Fund dues accumulated over the last 50 years and the corpus as on 31st March, 2001 and 31st March, 2002 is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Realisable Arrears	Total Unrealisable Arrears	Total Arrears	Total Corpus of EPFO
2000-2001	239	945	1,184	90,404
2001-2002	303	1,033	1,336	1,02,163 -

Unrealisable arrears is the amount of money which is locked up due to stay granted by various courts and for establishments, registered with BIFR and hence recovery action cannot be taken against such amount. Therefore, the percentage of amount in arrears

against realizable category with respect to the total corpus is 0.26% and 0.29% only for the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 respectively. Even the total arrears work out to only 1.31% and 1.30% of the total corpus of investment.

Annual status of accounts slips issued to the subscribers for the last two years is given below:

Year	No. of Account Slips Issued
2000-01	338.17 lakh
2001-02	374.84 lakh

(c) A new IT assisted computerized tracking system has been developed and implemented throughout the country for a month-to-month detection of defaults and follow up action thereto. A special drive has also been launched for achieving compliance from all the covered establishments.

EPF Settlement of retired workers

4611. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the cases of EPS have been settled for the retired workers till 31st December, 2001;

(b) if so, the number of employees whose EPS could be settled, Sector-wise;

(c) whether there are number of Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) employees whose pension settlement could not be effected so far; and:

(d) the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) As on 31st December 2001, the details of claim settlement under Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 are as under:

Total claims received	Claim settled	Rejected/ Returned	Claim Balance
18,72,914	14,26,236	2,89,927	1,56,751